IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A physical distribution business management method, comprising:

an image data generation step for generating image data of a document on which a condition for exporting or importing goods is described;

an image data storage step for storing the image data generated in said image data generation step to be associated with said goods;

a document data storage step for storing document data described on said document, said document data to be associated with said goods;

an identification data storage step for storing identification data that identifies a party concerned with export or import of said goods among, in addition to a consignor and a consignee, a number of parties concerned with export or import of said goods; and

a data output step, when said party concerned specifies data relating to goods, for obtaining stored data of goods to be associated with the corresponding specified data in said stored document data, and for outputting said obtained data,

wherein said identification data storage step decides a range of an output enable data to said party concerned based on stored identification data, and said data output step obtains data matching said decided range.

2. (Previously Presented) The physical distribution business management method according to claim 1, wherein said document data storage step stores date data, representing an execution date of procedures for exporting or importing said goods, to be associated with said goods, and said data output step specifies a completed procedure of said procedures based on said date data and outputs data representing the corresponding specified procedure.

3. (Original) The physical distribution business management method according to claim 2, wherein said data output step displays a diagram illustrating a correspondence between a person who conducts said specified procedure and a person who receives said procedure and outputs data representing the corresponding procedure.

4. (Original) The physical distribution business management method according to claim 1, wherein said document data storage step displays image data stored in said image data storage step and stores document data from the document displayed in said image data.

5. (Original) The physical distribution business management method according to claim 2, wherein said document data storage step displays image data stored in said image data storage step and stores document data from the document displayed in said image data.

6. (Original) The physical distribution business management method according to claim 3, wherein said document data storage step displays image data stored in said image data storage step and stores document data from the document displayed in said image data.

7. (Previously Presented) The physical distribution business management method according to claim 4, wherein said image data generation step reads an image of a face of said document and generates said image data representing said read image, and said image data storage step obtains said generated image data and stores said obtained image data to be associated with the corresponding goods.

8. (Previously Presented) The physical distribution business management method according to claim 5, wherein said image data generation step reads an image of a face of said

document and generates said image data representing said read image, and said image data storage step obtains said generated image data and stores said obtained image data to be associated with the corresponding goods.

9. (Previously Presented) The physical distribution business management method according to claim 6, wherein said image data generation step reads an image of a face of said document and generates said image data representing said read image, and said image data storage step obtains said generated image data and stores said obtained image data to be associated with the corresponding goods.

10. (Previously Presented) A physical distribution business management system, comprising:

image data generation means for generating image data of a document on which a condition for exporting or importing goods is described;

image data storage means for storing the image data generated by said image data generation means to be associated with said goods;

document data storage means for storing document data described on said document, said document data to be associated with said goods;

identification data storage means for storing identification data that identifies a party concerned with export or import of said goods among, in addition to a consignor and a consignee, a number of parties concerned with export or import of said goods; and

data output means, when said party concerned specifies data relating to goods, for obtaining stored data of goods to be associated with the corresponding specified data in said stored document data, and for outputting said obtained data,

wherein said identification data storage means decides a range of an output enable

data to said party concerned based on stored identification data, and said data output means

obtains data matching said decided range.

11. (Previously Presented) The physical distribution business management system

according to claim 10, wherein said document data storage means stores date data,

representing an execution date of procedures for exporting or importing said goods, to be

associated with said goods, and said data output means specifies a completed procedure of

said procedures based on said date data and outputs data representing the corresponding

specified procedure.

12. (Original) The physical distribution business management system according to

claim 11, wherein said data output means displays a diagram illustrating a correspondence

between a person who conducts said specified procedure and a person who receives said

procedure and outputs data representing the corresponding procedure.

13. (Original) The physical distribution business management system according to

claim 10, wherein said document data storage means displays image data stored by said

image data storage means and stores document data from the document displayed in said

image data.

14. (Original) The physical distribution business management system according to

claim 11, wherein said document data storage means displays image data stored in said image

data storage means and stores document data from the document displayed in said image

data.

15. (Original) The physical distribution business management system according to claim 12, wherein said document data storage means displays image data stored in said image data storage means and stores document data from the document displayed in said image data.

16. (Previously Presented) The physical distribution business management system according to claim 13, wherein said image data generation means reads an image of a face of said document and generates said image data representing said read image, and said image data storage means obtains said generated image data and stores said obtained image data to be associated with the corresponding goods.

17. (Previously Presented) The physical distribution business management system according to claim 14, wherein said image data generation means reads an image of a face of said document and generates said image data representing said read image, and said image data storage means obtains said generated image data and stores said obtained image data to be associated with the corresponding goods.

18. (Previously Presented) The physical distribution business management system according to claim 15, wherein said image data generation means reads an image of a face of said document and generates said image data representing said read image, and said image data storage means obtains said generated image data and stores said obtained image data to be associated with the corresponding goods.

19. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium having a computer-program recorded thereon, said computer program causing a computer to perform the steps of:

generating image data of a document on which a condition for exporting or importing goods is described;

storing image data generated in said image data generation step to be associated with said goods;

storing document data described on said document, said document data to be associated with said goods;

storing identification data that identifies a party concerned with export or import of said goods among, in addition to a consignor and a consignee, a number of parties concerned with export or import of said goods, to decide a range of an output enable data to said party concerned based on stored identification data; and

when said party concerned specifies data relating to goods, obtaining stored data of goods to be associated with the corresponding specified data in said stored document data and which matches said decided range, and outputting said obtained data.

20. (Previously Presented) A physical distribution business management method, comprising:

an identification data storage step for storing identification data that identifies a party concerned with export or import of goods, wherein, in addition to a consignor and consignee, a number of parties are concerned with exporting or importing goods;

an image data generation step for generating image data of a document, that is used in a procedure for the delivery of goods between respective parties concerned, on which a condition for exporting or importing goods is described;

an image data storage step for storing image data, generated in said image data generation step, to be associated with said goods;

a document data storage step for storing document data, described on said document, to be associated with said goods; and

a data output step, when said party concerned specifies data relating to goods, for obtaining stored data of goods to be associated with the corresponding specified data in said stored document data, and outputting said obtained data,

wherein said identification data storage step decides a range of an output enable data to said party concerned based on stored identification data, and said data output step obtains data matching said decided range.

21. (Previously Presented) A physical distribution business management system, comprising:

an image data generation unit configured to generate image data of a document on which a condition for exporting or importing goods is described;

an image data storage unit configured to store image data, generated by said image data generation unit, to be associated with said goods;

a document data storage unit configured to document data, described on said document, to be associated with said goods;

an identification data storage unit configured to store identification data that identifies a party concerned with export or import of said goods, wherein, in addition to a consignor and consignee, a number of parties are concerned with exporting or importing goods; and

a data output unit which, when said party concerned specifies data relating to goods, is configured to obtain data of stored goods to be associated with the corresponding specified data in said stored document data, and to output said obtained data,

wherein said identification data storage unit is configured to decide a range of an output enable data to said party concerned based on stored identification data, and said data output units is configured to obtain data matching said decided range.

22. (Previously Presented) A physical distribution business management system, comprising:

an identification data storage unit configured to store identification data that identifies a party concerned with export or import of goods, wherein, in addition to a consignor and consignee, a number of parties are concerned with exporting or importing goods;

a image data generation unit configured to generate image data of a document, which is used in a procedure for delivery of goods between respective parties concerned, on which a condition for exporting or importing goods is described;

an image data storage unit configured to store image data, generated by said image data generation unit, to be associated with said goods;

a document data storage unit configured to store document data, described on said document, to be associated with said goods; and

a data output unit, when said party concerned species data relating to goods, is configured to obtain data of goods stored to be associated with the corresponding specified data in said stored document data, and to output said obtained data,

wherein said identification data storage unit is configured to decide a range of an output enable data to said party concerned based on stored identification data, and said data output unit is configured to obtain data matching said decided range.